

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2525
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2001
HOT MIX PLANT
AKHILESH SINGH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Departmental Hotmix plants and other machines worth crores of rupees are lying unused on the road sides of National highways due to lack of work and the State Governments are spending crores of rupees on them as wasteful expenditure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plan to permit the use of such Hotmix plants for its sanctioned works to stop such losses; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MAJOR GENERAL (RETI
KHANDURI, AVSM

- (a) Hotmix plants and other machines have been supplied to several States for construction and maintenance of National Highways. Most of these machines except in the North Eastern States are twenty five to thirty five years old and are not suitable for works to meet the current specifications. Action for their disposal, in a phased manner is in progress.
- (b) The details of Central Machines available with States are given in Annex-I.
- (c) Every effort is being made to utilize available suitable plants, wherever possible.
- (d) Does not arise.